



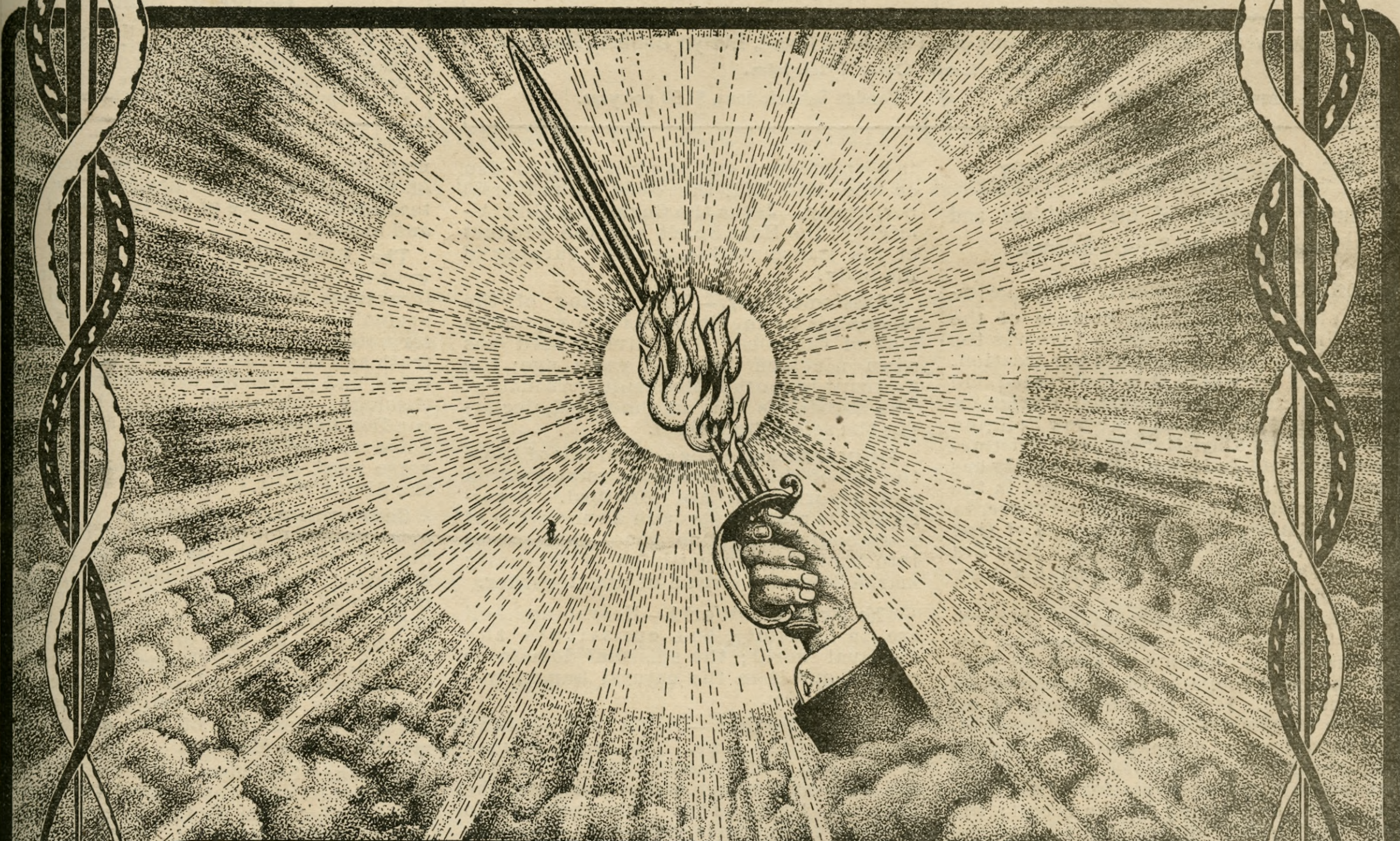
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THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

A General Summary of the Doctrines and Principles of the Religio-Science.

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in his perfection and power is the God-Man or the Man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

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man brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

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The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Fundamentals of Koreshan Universology.

The Physical Environ of the Great Universe; the Origin of the Stars; Humanity and the Cosmic Egg; the Seed of Universal Perpetuity.

KORESH.

COSMOGONY.—Continued from last issue.

THE OUTER RIND OR CRUST of the physical universe is composed of seven metallic strata which are formed in concave spherical layers, the heaviest at the bottom, constituting the outermost limit of the shell. The laminæ or concave plates of the environing shell of the physical universe are metallic reflectors as well as places of transmutation. As the essences of dematerialization at the stellar nucleus radiate and fall into these plates of environment, there is a process of metamorphic transmutation in which the essence becomes matter, and the matter of the plates becomes spirit; and the reflection carries the ascending or levic essence back to the central star. This reciprocal interchange of gravic precipitation and levic reaction perpetuates the relation of center and circumference, making of the universe an eternal electro-magnetic apparatus, self-perpetuating and recreative.

CAUSE OF THE MULTIPLICITY OF STELLAR CENTERS.—Were the central star or stellar nucleus absolutely central, there never could be but one star in the universe. This is because the radiation of stellar essences would be vertical to the concavity of the metallic planes to which it would be centrally related, and into which it radiates its substantial but non-material, physical spirit. Being excentric, the star radiates its essences at an angle with the concave plane, which causes the reflex to be shortened, bringing the focus of the reflection at a point within the distance from the circumference to the primary star. The stellar center does not radiate its positive essence in all directions. It has

a positive and a negative side. It radiates its positive force from the positive side toward the environing shell. The central star being definitely excentric, emplaces the second nucleus at a geometric relation to the first stellar nucleus; and the second star emplaces the next focalization as geometrically related as the first, so that the subsequent emplacements are geometrically regulated. All of the stars (with the central, projected, and subsidiary suns) are geometrically emplaced and maintained in their orbits according to the laws of geometric proportion.

INTERSPATIAL ETHER; ITS QUALITY AND SOURCE.—The ethereal substance of space permeates all of the space between the center of the universe—which the student will remember is the cosmic egg, environed by the shell of the world which men inhabit—and its circumference. It varies in quality according to the terminal places of its transmutation. For instance, the gold ether has two extremes, one at the center and the other at the circumference. It is both gravic and levic. That which results from the dematerialization of the gold circumference is levic, and flows toward and into the astral nucleus; that which is generated at the stellar center is gravic, and flows toward and into the gold circumference. It is electro-magnetic, anodic and cathodic. That which is generated from the second stratum of the environing layer differs in quality from the first, and has corresponding qualities and properties; and this differentiation continues throughout all of the strata comprising the environing shell.

It therefore follows that the attenuate ether which

pervades space, is limited to the central and circumferential environments and limitations of space, and is composed of as many qualities as there are distinctive limitations. The pervading ethers contain in essential solution all of the various metallic and mineral qualities, not as matter, but as the essential solutions of matter in their ethereal states. The free ether, then, is being constantly changed at the terminals of its circulation, to the qualities of matter into which they flow and are materialized; and these terminals of ether in the matter which they produce are being transmuted to the free ether again, to enter into circulation. It is thus that the universe is perpetuated and maintained. The structure is eternal and self-perpetuating. This cosmic egg has its anatomical form and its corresponding physiological activity. All this, however, is but the expression of a cause which is prior in positive function to the physical universe herein described.

This physical universe is a geometrically constructed system, having its multitudinous stellar centers regulated by and governed through the specific force of the primary nucleus. All of the subsidiary and lesser magnitudes are subordinate to the central power, which is the imperial head of the entire universe. The universe, then, is an imperial system governed by its stellar nucleus, which in turn is dependent upon the activities of all of the subsidiary centers and the circumferences from which the center draws its sustenance and support.

THE ANTHROPOSTIC UNIVERSE IS CONSTANTLY INCUBATED FROM AND WITHIN THIS COSMIC EGG.—Within the cosmic egg is the creation of life through the processes of in-cube-ation, which is the incubing of the sphere, or the hatching of life within the egg. The processes of incubation are evolutionary; that is, they proceed from the complexity of the forces of involution, because nothing can be evolved that has not previously been involved. The universe reproduces itself within itself, because it has all of the forms and functions which are necessary to the production of the perfect structure. As the oak involves the acorn, and this evolves the oak, so the universe involves its center, and thence evolves its macrocosmic form and function. In the development of life within the egg, there must be a correspondence of the incubated structure with the egg in which the life is incubated. The distinctive forms of life are the various kingdoms of what is called Nature, until arch-nature is reached, the highest natural production, which is the biunal organism in the form and quality of the microcosmic man, the universe in its least form.

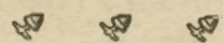
As there is a central star or nucleus in the physical macrocosm, so there must be a central star or nucleus in the things of life produced or in-cube-ated within the cosmic egg. As there is a central star in the physical universe, so there is a corresponding Star in the hu-

manity which this great egg develops. This central star appears when the sign Aries culminates its own constellation; that is, when the sign Aries passes out of its constellation, or out of the constellation Aries, the Zodiacal cycle completes itself; and then in the anthropic cosmos there is produced a corresponding human Star. Thus the first-begotten of the universe is produced, and is called the bright and morning Star.

Such a manifestation can come, definitely, only so often as the movement of the sign completes its passage through all of the twelve constellations, which is once in about twenty-four thousand years. This is the first-born of the human race; he is the specific and only begotten of God, and is therefore the Son of God and the Son of man, because the firstfruits of creation, in one. Herein, then, is the functional center of all creation—"the beginning of the creation of God." These occurrences repeat themselves as often as the sign Aries fulfils its cycle. When the sign Aries, Lamb, or Ram completes its Zodiacal cycle, then the Lamb or Ram of God is manifest with men as the Savior of the world. The Lamb of God is his begetting power; and that begetting possibility is only in the personality of God, which personality is Jehovah or Yavah. This is the Son of God, and corresponds to the central star; and as the central Star is the imperial Center of the physical universe, so this central Star is the imperial Head and Governor of the anthropic universe.

Every quality of life is produced only from its visible, tangible, and material seed. The oak does not reproduce the oak until it reproduces itself in its least form, the seed. It does not reproduce itself from an invisible, but from a visible germ. The universe does not reproduce itself until it reproduces its seed, and that seed in its visible, tangible, and material least form—the microcosmic universe, the universe in its least form; namely, the first-begotten, the Son of God, the offspring of the universe. It would be the height of absurdity to imagine that the production of the Son did not repeat itself with recurring epochs of definite periods of time. The only-begotten, when reproduced or created, is absorbed into the central and invisible nucleus of the anthropic cosmos, and becomes the supreme ruler of the universe, as he was heir to the throne before he was absorbed into it and became one with it. The Son becomes, by virtue of attaining majority and by being absorbed into the consciousness and individuality, the identity of the supreme and eternal Deity.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



The pure river of water of life is the truth of immortality, from which the doctrine of immortality is derived. The comprehension of this doctrine and its application will produce immortality in the body.

THE POWER AND RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

The Political Situation in New York; Election Frauds Apparent; Hearst as an Agitator and Eye-Opener.

KORESH.

SOMETHING IS GOING ON IN NEW YORK. The "little man" who prefers to be little rather than to be great, is losing his grip. If the "Fraudmayor" of New York had refused to be Mayor unless it could be shown that he was elected by the people, he would have gone up many degrees in the estimation of the voters, where alone resides the power to elevate a man in public service. How easy it would have been to settle the claims of Mr. Hearst, if the "little man" had not been a coward and a sycophant. If the little Mayor had been honest the votes would have been counted; and had there been no false returns, everybody would have known that the tool of the looters of the people was not a "Fraudmayor." He stood in deadly fear of a recount of those votes, for he believed a recount of the votes would have counted him out, and the people would have had a chance to exercise the right of public consideration. The "Fraudmayor" is not for the people, but for the looters.

The ordinary folk are getting their eyes open, and Hearst is the eye-opener. There never has been such a system of education instituted as that now progressing under the direction of Hearst. Thousands of the masses are beginning to realize the fact that they are the government, and that they constitute the power behind the throne as well as the man behind the gun; and when this potency comprehends its rights and the knowledge of the fact that some legislation ought to be accomplished in the interests of the ordinary folk, there awaits an astonishment for the looters.

The creators of the wealth of this country ought to understand that they have some right to its distribution and use. It is about time for the masses to begin to do something for their own interests, and wake up to the reality of the situation. The farce of voting merely because one is a voter with some imaginary influence at the polls, is not so much of a sinecure as it has been "cracked up to be;" and the dollar that is in it for the purchase of the vote is no compensation for the situation the voter places himself in, to be held up by the great political thug who robs him of his life.

Mr. Hearst is educating the people as rapidly as they can bear it, and probably to the extent in which it appears to him. He sees that public utilities should be publicly owned and conducted, but he does not yet advocate the equitable distribution of the wealth which the wealth-creator has placed in the hands of the highwayman who flourishes upon the loot which the common people's vote makes it possible for him to acquire. When the time ripens for the public to control its utilities, it will be time for the people not to beg and fight

for wages; for if by the ordinary folk's political franchise and its exercise they possess the right to say, "We will vote to ourselves the right to public ownership of public utilities," they may further say, "We will enter into copartnership with the men who have so far compelled us to become wage slaves for their especial benefit."

It is said that if Mr. Hearst should be elected Governor of New York he would not be content to stop at that point in his political aspirations, hence he should be checked right now in his mad career. If Mr. Hearst will fulfil his promises to the people he is the man for the occasion, and the one of all men named to succeed Higgins and lift the state from the trickery, fraud, corruption, intimidation, and misappropriation of the public funds which characterize the political situation of the great state of New York; and after he has worked successfully the gubernatorial functions of the Empire State, it would be safe to give him an opportunity to rarefy the atmosphere of the malodorous Congress of the United States.

Hearst is the genius of inspiration to the masses; and while he may spend his money freely to place his enthusiasm in the hearts of the people and to let the classes know that he is after them with his prod, he is not purchasing votes, nor hiring henchmen to stultify their consciences; nor is he stuffing ballot boxes, nor fraudulently devoting his money to destroy the people's liberty. If Mr. Hearst were elected to the office of Governor of the state of New York, everybody knows that hundreds of thousands of dollars would be spent fraudulently to deprive him of the fruits of victory. The powers which have usurped the functions of government in New York, both republican and democrat, would exert their utmost possibilities to maintain the usurpation and to defraud the voter of his rights.

We maintain our estimate of President Roosevelt; but he is handicapped by the influence which loots the people in the Senate of the United States, and which will obstruct his efforts to carry out his purposes in the development of the international powers of the country. There is no man in the republican party to be trusted as against the influence of a predatory Congress. Roosevelt's aggressive tendencies in statesmanship make him a desirable man for the position which he occupies; but the election of Roosevelt means the perpetuity of the den of thieves who devote the products of industry to their individual and corporate uses, and oppress the industrials of the nation. Legislation which he attempted in the interests of the people against the aggressions of the railroads and the trusts, was rendered futile through the industrious surveillance and activity of the emissaries of the great corporate plunderers, the "Plunderbund," according to Hearst, whose highest aspiration is to plunder, oppress, and degrade the ordinary folk.

New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

THE PRESENT PORTION OF LABOR.

The Lot of the Toiling Masses Under Capitalism; the Hope of the Hastening Emancipation.

THE COMING of the national holiday has made more conspicuous the thought of the laboring masses. Are they happy as they tread the pavements of our cities on the one day in which labor is king? They do not look so, for there is an anxiety and a restlessness in the faces of young and old. They come from homes now devoted to the sacred privileges of democracy, and they stand in line in the great processions with the feeling that they are honored once in the year; still they are not happy. The duties of home-keeper and home-provider are too precarious in these times of strikes, and a livelihood is too hardly won to be thrown away at the instance of a determined "boss."

Labor is the portion of those who are not able to put the foot upon the neck of the rest of their fellow-beings. Labor is the portion of the weak and the surly, but it cannot subdue their resentment toward those who live in ease and luxury while they toil. One of the most powerful delineations in modern fiction is put before the reader in "The Undercurrent," by Robert Grant. Here the petted offspring of fortune is brutally assaulted by the woman she has befriended. Not even the money given liberally to uplift her can quench the hatred that possesses the dependent as she sees the beautiful dame in the midst of her associates, decked with flowers and wearing a diamond tiara. Some are ruined by their misdeeds, but this rich American was ruined by her charities. Before she had taken off the jewels she admired in the mirror after her friends had left, the hand of her *protege* was at her throat, and even as she gasped for breath she heard the hissing of an insane jealousy in her ear: "I am going to send you where you will have to clean dirty marble floors forever."

Such is the hatred between the two classes, and such it will and must remain so long as there is no adjustment of purpose, no rights of man assured to those who toil. Does this seem too radical? It is not too soon to say that the rights of man are not assured to the wage-slave even in a Christian country. He has to rise at five and toil until six at night in the hot, stifling atmosphere of a factory while the favorite child of fortune rides in his automobile. What is the purpose of society regarding these disparities? The one puts his son into an expensive college, while the other sees his boy running wild about the streets or inducted into the worst forms of vice in his saloon with himself. The saloon is the comforter of the poor, the nurturer of his children.

Think of the different nationalities represented in the great procession of organized labor! Foremost in

the van comes Dennis Mulligan and his clan, ready to oust the native American if he can with his Irish wit and his shrewdness. Then the Swedes and the Danes, the inevitable Turk himself, the Italians and the Greeks, all the denizens of southern Europe, with Russians and Scotch, march on to the tune of "Hail Columbia! Happy Land." All these must be fed from a common treasury in order to emancipate them from the fear of sickness and the days when work cannot be found. There is only one way to organize society upon a common basis of good fellowship, so that all may share in the benefits of a maturer civilization. So long as some men work for a mere pittance and divide their earnings with a middleman, they cannot expect to share in the prosperity of the country. When it becomes possible to invent some method of distribution whereby the three difficulties that beset the poor may be avoided—wage slavery, labor-unionism, and the dragging weight of his own vices, then we may hope for better feeling between the two classes now so widely separated.

To add to the comforts of the poor man, a great national holiday has been granted him in which he may do as he likes. His voice is heard in the public square; his banners float o'er the towns; his private carriage does not come to the door, but his provisions are bought at his own expense. He has one day to feast and make merry with his equals; but he has no joy in his heart unless he sees some way of emancipating himself and his family from the portion of labor in the future. That is what all men desire to escape the most; and any picture drawn of a common future which did not include such escape would be lacking in charm.

The portion of labor is to eat bread in bitterness and sigh for riches; to look at the dainty garments of the aristocrat and long to emulate him; to pay for many a pint of beer and glass of rum with curses in the throat that he cannot afford champagne. The portion of labor should be contentment, which is better than riches with the hope of education and refinement in the days to come. One is often told as the ideal of democracy, that in a republic every boy may aspire to the Presidency. The portion of the poor man if he will eschew his vices, may be sobriety and dignity. It has been estimated that if he would save the money squandered on liquor, he could speedily rise to wealth and influence. That is not true as matters are today in a social state where the laboring masses work for their oppressors, the rapacious corporations that extort their labor without adequate recompense.

Let every citizen work for the government and invoke its aid, instead of being plundered by capitalists who are fattening on the products of his toil. Let him advance to the higher grades of civilization with hope and courage, willing to extend the efforts of those who, like the Koreshan, long to renovate society in his interests.

The self is the sell or the cell in which we are walled up until we are shaken out of it. Self is the delusion or the sell of thinking that one is better off in self than in God.

The Messiah the Arbiter of Life.

THE SCRIPTURES plainly state that God only hath immortality. Hence the plainest logic shows that no one can be immortal unless raised to the Deific plane. Man—mortal, dying man, is not God. He is not God when he lies down in his grave clothes. He is not God when his spirit leaves the body, nor does he become God by entering the spiritual world.

Suppose the whole line of development from David to Christ goes to make up the Savior. Suppose he comes to impart life to that which was dead in trespasses and sins. Suppose his free gift is immortal life. Does it pay to hold to the doctrine of a Messianic Messenger or not?

If God gives life through the Lord Jesus, then he will reveal the laws by which it may be won. He will impart these laws to his Beloved, that through him they may be given to men. Those who obey will conquer the grave and rise to Deity.

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THE YIELD OF THE HARVEST FIELD.

The Growing of the Wheat and Tares from the Mortal Soil; the Fruit of the Trees; the Great Supper.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

THE WHEAT and the tares grow together in the one field of Gentile humanity until the end of the age, according to the teaching of the highest Christian authority. "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone," was the direction of the Lord to the accusers of the woman taken in sin. Seed-time and harvest, constituting the beginning and ending of ages, are of eternal continuity. "History repeats itself," is a common saying. A crop of arrogant accusers, well marred by sin's dominion in their members, is never lacking in any age of mortal products. The earthly, the sensual, the devilish within, and whited sepulchers without, make the best of sleuths for the still hunt of the "earthly, sensual, and devilish" without, but possibly aspiring and struggling within, to give ultimate expression to better things. A find of the sleuths is usually greeted with, "Let him be stoned."

Why are we all mortal, a dying race? Simply because we have sinned, and because we were conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity. Mortal—body, soul, and spirit—we shall remain until we confess our sins and mend our ways, according to the science of the laws of life and immortality. We are so habituated to mortality, that conceiving of a science of the actual practical immortality of body, soul, and spirit seems an absurdity to millions who have professed for centuries a hope of immortality, incorruptibility, and a resurrection in the flesh of Christ. The term immortality is commonly associated with a component third part of man, called the soul.

The man is a triunity of body, soul, and spirit, which may die and live again on the mortal plane of being a thousand times, with no attainment or experience of immortality, however active as forces the disintegrated components of his once visible being may be in the spiritual spheres of mortality. There comes a time, however, in the course of human events, when the constituents of man called body, soul, and spirit, are so equilibrated by the breath of the Almighty, that the man becomes immortal. His corruptible puts on incorruption, and death is said to be swallowed by the victory of life, which is the law of God fulfilled by man, because the life or breath of God is in him to make of the whole or holy man a living soul. God only hath immortality. When a master of the forces of life and death (which immortality implies) is found, you find a God immortal—body, soul, and spirit. The preparation of mortal man for the breath of God is the most scientific work which should concern a professedly Christian but still mortal world.

"The supper of the great God" is the grandest social event ever prepared for in the history of the universe. It requires the putting on of the wedding garment, the immortal flesh of Christ, by the scientific obedience of the law, of which he was the unique fulfilment. The eating together of God and man, both hungry for the divine righteousness of their conjunctive unity, constitutes the joy of the Lord of the harvest, which all who love his appearing and kingdom better than the joys of mortality, all transient and bitter-sweet, are invited to share. Invitations to the great supper are sent out two thousand years before the event. At the seed-time the recipient of the seed of the harvest is invited to attend the supper celebrating the marriage of God and the Lamb, which means the harvest reproduction of the holy seed.

Reproduction implies an interval of the reign of death and destruction of integrality for the seed. This is the work of enmity. The carnal heart, the heart of mortal man, is at enmity with God; and among things visible in its domain, tares and the destruction of the wheat are apparent. Nevertheless, the work of preparation for the reproduction of the wheat is going on; first among things invisible, and at last among things visible.

The secret of the mystery of life is confined in ultimates, to those that fear the Lord and call upon his name. This fear comes from a knowledge of sin and all its concomitants of fallacy and evil. Sin becomes a known quantity. This fear is a protective force, giving a correct attitude of the mind toward the only living and true God. The secret place of the Most High, which has been unknown, becomes known. The knowing man is wise and walks humbly with his God; and his fear is transmuted to wisdom, the divine guide of love according to knowledge.

The man of God's wisdom and love appears a tare among tares to the one uninstructed by wisdom; but his burning as a consuming fire reveals him the storehouse of the invisible wheat and the called of God, justifi-

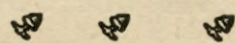
fied, glorified in his name to shine forth as the kingdom of the Father-Mother Deity. All are called who seek immortality and eternal life in God's way, by keeping the commandments. Through obedience to the science of the law, which makes the keeping possible, the Lord God (become the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which is also the Tree of Life) will have all men to be saved each in his own order; but the Christ is the firstfruits, and afterward they that are his at his coming, with whom the supper is enjoyed as a wedding ceremony. Men are to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and to become as Gods, knowing good and evil. When they *know*, according as they have been principled in the beginning of the age by their acceptance or rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only name given among men whereby they may be saved—that is, become of the holy seed, then the Saviors of the harvest will they choose. Then will they go their way—upward or downward, to become immortal or remain mortal and become good after their kind.

The ushering in of the scientific or Aquarian age means the settlement of the life and death question for an age. "We are living, we are dwelling, in a grand and awful time." The laws of immortality condemn sin in the flesh. This begins by conceiving in sin and shaping in iniquity the graven or gravic images known to God as mortal men and women, filled with the lusts of the flesh, the love of money, the pride and vainglory of mortal life. Mortal man and mortal woman (divided and dying forms of man once in the image and likeness of God, a biune being, with no carnality in dominance) are essential to the descent of the life of the holy seed for its own reproduction at the end of a given cycle.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil draws up from the earth the essences of the life of the immortal seed planted, and draws alone from the air of the Gods' intellectual dominion all the principalities and powers that make for righteousness, to infold them as the apex of the Tree's vitality for newness of life, which it imparts to the receptive of its kind. The resulting harvest is a fruit formed fit for the appropriation and habitation of the Gods. The formation of the fruit means the end of earthly subsistence yielded by the old heavens and the earth, which had united on all planes of being in divided forms, to form as ultimates its perfect unities. Every perfect fruit is the result of the divine marriage of once divided forms and functions, now to be made one for a great Sabbath of rest. Each is as perfect as its Father in heaven was perfect; each bears his name; each enters the supreme enjoyment of immortality, of passing out by the new and living way into the central consciousness of eternal life, the heritage of the Gods.

The laws of immortality and eternal life are always known by one. By one the keys of knowledge are carried and prepared in due season to unlock the door of mystery and open the way from age to age, for the forward movement of the Gods of the people prepared to receive him. He comes as the veiled Prophet, the Messenger of the time-honored covenant of his promises. The final preparation of his people is made by the ap-

plication of the genuine science of the law for the restoration of the divine form of social order, social theocracy. This is divine Imperialism. "One is your Master, even Christ; all ye are brethren," saith Jehovah. "Hear ye him." "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it," saith the watchful Mother of us all, the virginal New Jerusalem.



THE IMMINENCE OF THE GREAT CONFLICT.

A Review of the Character of the Christian Dispensation, and of the Closing Scenes of the Old Order.

THE EDITOR.

NUMEROUS WRITERS have discussed pro and con, what has been termed "the impending conflict." Some able men have taken the position that there is to be no conflict, but that the principles of arbitration will be applied, and all difficulties between the different classes of peoples and between the different nations will be amicably settled without recourse to any kind of armed force. The reading public are prone to ask if there is really to be a conflict. Will arbitration succeed? What if arbitration should fail—what then?

Nineteen hundred years ago the Lord Christ gave impulse to the world of his environment. He was a man of peace, and the angels sang of peace when he made his advent into the world. But he declared that he did not come to bring peace, but a sword. Not that he desired to see men engaged in conflict; but that in the performance of his mission adown the dispensation, division would result. No sooner did he as the divine Spirit enter his Disciples, than the conflict began. The Christ was the David of the spiritual realm, and made war upon the elements of evil. That is why the church of the dispensation has been called the church militant, and its members soldiers of the cross.

The Christian dispensation has been strikingly characterized by war. The impulse to war is derived from some element in Cause, which was essentially embodied and expressed in the Christ. He was the seed sown, the seed to become corrupt in processes of reproduction. He was force militant against the kingdom of hades; and it became inevitable that when that force of conflict should be let down to the domain of external affairs of men, conflict would result. And he himself declared that ere the divine kingdom should be established, the world would witness the scenes of the day of vengeance; that there would come a time of trouble, a period of conflict and revolution such as the world had never seen nor dreamed. The Almighty in the person of Jesus was full of promises. No eye had seen, nor ear heard, neither had it entered into the heart of man, what God has in store for them that love and serve him. Yet dire prophecies made He who was called Lord. He foresaw the end of the dispensation; he viewed the time previous to the great harvest; and he told his Disciples that the age should terminate in disaster.

No less dark and terrible were the prophetic views of his Apostles. But they believed in the promises of

God to them. They were full of the divine optimism; yet that did not preclude their clear, prescient views of the closing scenes of the tragedy of human progress. They voiced not the sentiments of modern blind optimism. They did not believe that the world would grow better continually, and peacefully evolve into the glorious conditions of the Golden Age. Not they, for they knew better. They could not change the facts to be, the conditions to come. They could merely describe what was spread before their spiritual vision. The latter days, as they termed the days of the end of the dispensation, were to be characterized by apostasy, by general turning from the truth, by increase and spread of vice and crime, even by anarchy that should lay in waste not only the moral structure, but the social fabric as well. Yet out of the scenes of conflict they saw emerging the beginning and head of the new order of the heavens and the earth.

So far as the student of the Bible is concerned, the subject resolves itself into the question as to whether or not the Lord and his Apostles were inspired to make those declarations. If they were, the conflict will come in fulfilment. If they were not, the conflict may or may not occur. But there is no question concerning the attitude of the Christian prophets concerning the state of affairs at the end of the Christian dispensation. We maintain that their prophetic declarations are true to the letter. The conflict will occur, not because it was foretold; but it was foretold because it was destined to come to pass. The principles of progress for this period make the coming of the great conflict inevitable. The causes of the conflict may be specifically stated, and the reasons for these conclusions scientifically defined.

The three great principles of universal progress are: Involution, evolution, and revolution. Evolution is a recognized fact; involution is demonstrable in all processes of heading up of forces; and revolution is seen in numerous crises, the issues of which are settled only on the basis of conflict. The science of human progress and retrogression, as set forth in Koreshan Universology, makes startling disclosures relative to the imminent end of the old order; and not only does the science of progress point to the impending revolution, corroborated by the numerous prophetic declarations of the Christian prophets, but the actual conditions which now exist in the world point as certainly to the tragic end. We are now amid the scenes described by the seers of the past. We have but to open our eyes to see vividly near at hand, what the prophets foresaw in the perspective of the age.

Naught else than conflict do all the present preparations for war mean. Every nation is making enormous expenditures to increase army and naval power. The Hague conference was followed by Great Britain's war upon South Africa, and Russia's conflict with Japan. Peace talk means little of peace. Indeed, the Apostles said that when in the latter days men should cry peace, there should come the sudden revolution and catastrophe. But not alone between the nations does

trouble impend. Revolution proper springs not from international difficulties, but nearer the heart of national life. A formidable power is developing throughout civilization; it is the force of discontent, now being thoroughly organized under labor leadership. And the spirit of socialism is spreading rapidly.

In a recent issue of *The Independent*, Professor Goldwin Smith makes the tacit and frank admission that all the evidences tend to show that revolution impends; and he admits, too, that the seat of the difficulty lies in the issues of capital and labor. Discontent is being goaded to forceful and fearful expression through constant agitation. Class consciousness is made painfully apparent in the violent and striking contrast existing between the conditions of the rich and poor. The glaring inequalities of the human lot are shocking to the workingman's sense of justice; and there pent up a force that is destined to break out as a destructive volcano. Goldwin Smith discusses the problems learnedly; and conservative though he is, he hears the fearsome sound of revolution; he feels the tremors of the quaking human earth, and sees approaching the tidal waves of discontent that are destined to sweep away many an apparently impregnable fortress of the old order.

As he considers the problems, he finds questions confronting him as to what is to be the outcome, the result of the conflict. To him the doctrine of human equality is fallacious. Upon change from the present social and economic regime, what is to be the form of government? What securities will there be for trustworthiness of a new form of government founded? Will there be a voluntary division of wealth by the wealthy, or is revolution to be brought about by force? He affirms that socialism, or any version of it, must apparently be the death of individual independence. To these and all such questions, Koreshan Science has definite answers. The revolution is inevitable. The forces of capital and labor will enter into violent contest for the supremacy. Sharp and terrible will be the conflict; but amid its scenes of bloodshed, a new Character appears and stands in the breach. He is the character of the Peace-maker. He is the Lord himself in his advent—strange though this all may sound to many ears.

The guarantee which the new order offers is the guarantee of the Almighty, sufficient unto all times and conditions. The new government is to be the kingdom of God in earth. Its socialism will be divine; its administration of affairs scientific. Its appearance revives human hope and brings about human realization. Every cloud has its silver lining; the clouds of the coming revolution have linings of gold; for beyond the scenes of conflict extends the great era of light, the Golden Age. A view of it revives the divine optimism of the Christian prophets; and there dawn upon the mind the principles and purposes of divine progress in fallen humanity. The impending conflict is the darkest hour just before the coming day!



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



THE DECADENCE OF POSITIVE AUTHORITY is a subject which was pointedly discussed not long ago by the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst. He endeavored to show that Nature is a system ordered by rigid laws, but the tendency of our modern civilization is to resist all forms of authority, the result being domestic, educational, and political anarchy. Individualism prevails, and that it does so is due to the cultivation of phases of ultra-democracy, at the border-lines of which anarchy begins in its investiture of society with utter chaos. Proceeding, Dr. Parkhurst says: "As the development of the individual proceeds, and his sense of faculty becomes correspondingly more pronounced, the lesson of subordination becomes in the same ratio more difficult, and anarchy, which is only another name for 'every man a law unto himself,' is the natural issue of an advanced civilization." He notes that we are becoming more and more competent to forecast the weather and to foretell eclipses, but less and less able to analyze the conduct of man; and while the stars keep their commandments, it is man only that is anarchical and more and more breaking down into ethical chaos, according as he gains an enlarging consciousness of his own smartness and sufficiency. Therefore to know that every moral act that man can perform has a fixed statute definitely relevant to it, is the very alphabet of ethics. Pertinent to the question of correspondence between man and cosmos, he notes: "Now the grandest and most complete conception we can have of the empire of moral event is one that is painted in colors copied from just such a representation of the material kingdom. The differences between the two regimes in no wise invalidate that feature of identity which is our only present interest and contention. In one case the subject may be conscious of the law, and in the other case not. In the one case the subject may defy the law, and in the other case not; but conscious or unconscious, obedient or recalcitrant, nothing exists, personal or material, that is not created into distinct relation to authority; and no event transpires, whether in mineral, vegetable, animal, or personal life, that is not either on or off the line of duty definitely and unrepealably laid down for it." It is but just to humanity to conclude that man's disobedience to law arises largely from his ignorance of it; and his disregard of authority is due to the fact that he had been led by presumably authoritative teachers into the deceptive elements of fallacy. It is not to be denied that the tendency of the world is in the direction of anarchy; and it is indicative of the fact that the so called sciences which prevail in the world do not constitute the light of knowledge, but the darkness of fallacy. If that which passes for science were true it would constitute an infallible guide to many at least, if not all, to rectitude in moral and religious life and industrial and commercial activity. The moral life of man comports with his general intellectual conceptions. The world copies to a large extent after the Copernican system of astronomy. Chaos and waste would characterize a universe fashioned after the Copernican idea. Every man for himself under competition is

analogous to the fancied democracy of the stars according to the conceptions of the astronomer. The masses must not copy still more closely the so called laws of the material world as conceived by so called leaders in science. Order must be restored through the application of the principles and laws of cosmic order; and likewise the form of the scientific society must be patterned after the form of the physical cosmos. But positive authority, the authority of genuine science, is not in modern astronomy, nor in chemistry, nor in modern social economy, nor yet in religion. Moses taught with authority when he led the children of Israel; but at the end of the Jewish dispensation the pharisees and the scribes manifested phases of decadence of positive authority. Then appeared a new leader, even Jesus the Christ, who taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes. He authoritatively declared the divine philosophy, the doctrine of salvation of the soul of man; and his Apostles preached his gospel with no uncertain sound. Again, at the end of the Christian dispensation there is a decadence of positive authority. Agnosticism prevails; there is so much difference of opinion, so much conflict of conclusion, that modern teachers do not assert positively, emphatically, and authoritatively that their teachings are absolutely true. There must be some one in this scientific age to lift up the standard of authority in every domain of activity. The plumb-line of integrity must be manifest. This authority will not come from modern agnosticism, nor yet from any sphere of thought pregnant with the elements of fallacy. It will not proceed from individualism; but from the source of declaration of Messianic law, the seat of positive authority itself, as revealed through the discovery and revelation of Universology.

THE SUBJECTS of philosophy and altruism were recently discussed by Prof. William Kent of Chicago, before students of the University of Nebraska. Some expressions concerning the competitive system are worthy of notice. He declared that the competitive system, formerly extolled as automatic in its beneficent action, has broken down even as a producer of profit, and has lent itself to inhumanity. In the course of his remarks he said: "The teachings of Jesus furnish the nearest definition of real opportunity, seeking which a man may live comfortably and for which he may happily die—the opportunity for broad service. Competition has in many cases proved the death of trade, and has ground out the lives of men as between millstones. Supply and demand of labor as an economic theory justified the conditions in the coal mines, whereby successive importation of the poorer and lower people, the standard of living was being reduced to an animal status. * * The competitive system is passing away because it is relatively wasteful and therefore an economic failure. Its boasted freedom from a sense of moral responsibility has been belied at every attempt at ameliorating human conditions." Professor Kent suggests coöperation as a remedy for the evils of competition, and points out that the principle of altruism is very

superior to that of constant warfare under competitive conditions, and that higher civic ideals are the hope of the people. This is but one instance of many voices that are being raised against the old order and favoring a change to something better. The widespread movement in favor of public ownership and the abolition of competition, is a demonstration of the fact that the best and most progressive classes, inclusive of the millions who toil to produce the world's wealth, are becoming dissatisfied with the conditions of oppression. The forces of progress, the powers of destiny, will ultimately remove the giant evils, and erect in the stead of present institutions the forms and orders of the new and righteous kingdom, for which the entire church of this dispensation has prayed unceasingly.

THE PTOLEMAIC astronomers held that the earth was the center of the universe, and that the entire machinery of the heavens revolved about it. But Copernicus considered that it would be easier for the earth to turn over every day than for the whole heavens to revolve. He conceived that in this way day and night might be produced with less expenditure of energy. Astronomers since his day have generally adopted the theory of the earth's diurnal rotation. Nevertheless it is admitted by the foremost advocates of the Copernican system, that the phenomena of the heavens are all easily accounted for from the basis of the Ptolemaic astronomy. When KORESH discovered that the earth was concave, with the whole heavens inside the earth, it was obvious that it was easier for the luminous points in the atmospheres to revolve diurnally than for the environing material earth to whirl around once a day. Copernicus desired to make a show of being interested in the principles of economy of force when he presumed to transpose diurnal motion from the heavens to the earth. Yet he put forth an hypothesis which, as more fully evolved through more modern speculation, places a giant sun at the center of the solar system, over seven hundred times larger than all the planets put together, that those planets might have light and heat; and moreover, the light received by all the planets constitutes but *one two-billionths* of all the light generated in and radiated from the sun. The energies not intercepted by the planets are supposed to be lost in infinite space, there being no known factor in modern astronomy by which the solar radiations are ever returned to the sun. In the Koreshan Astronomy, the sun receives again its own substances from the environing shell of the earth, which intercepts every ray of the sun, utilizes it, and ultimately returns it to its source. The Copernican system admits of enormous waste in the maintenance of the solar system. The Koreshan Astronomy teaches, astronomically and scientifically, the laws and principles of universal economy.

WHEN fair Cuba was launched forth in her own little ship of state upon the political sea, her face was roseate with the hope of peace and prosperity. But it was not to be expected that she should not in time encounter dangers which beset the inexperienced. Every one regrets, though not every one is surprised, that early in the career of the Cuban republic there should be a revolt, for incipient revo-

lution is the order of the times in the small nations of the American tropics. The issues of some of them are not finally settled at the polls. Bayonets not ballots are seemingly more desirable on the part of defeated minorities. The Caribbean regions are a veritable storm center on more domains than one. It is unfortunate for Cuba that trouble should arise at this time. What the outcome may be one can now merely conjecture. It seems certain, however, that if the revolt continues and assumes proportions sufficient to threaten the interests of American capital invested in Cuba, the Government of the United States will intervene. Already warships are at Havana and other ports, and soon the American Government may institute an effective blockade around Cuba to prevent filibustering. Three views are taken generally of the situation. It is thought that the insurrectionary element are anxious for offices, and are seeking to overthrow the present administration. Again, it is assumed that the Palma government lacks wisdom to deal with the problems confronting Cuba; and moreover, that though honest himself and manifestly sincere, his cabinet and advisors are playing the game of graft to excess. Another view is to the effect that there is an element at work to effect ultimate annexation of Cuba to the United States; and that the sugar trust is at present responsible for the uprising. It seems evident that the Platt amendment guarantees the preservation of peace in Cuba as long as may be, by the beneficent American Government, the powerful guardian of the West. LATER.—News is received that following the resignation of President Palma and cabinet, the United States assumes control of Cuba.

A PROMINENT merchant of Montpelier severely arraigns the Auditor of Vermont, charging him with selling contaminated meat to Swift & Company. The Auditor does not deny that he sold to the Swift beef company the beef of cattle condemned by the battle commission. The prominent merchant referred to says in part in his affidavit that having heard that the state of Vermont had sold to Swift & Company some of the meat from cattle which had been condemned as diseased by the tuberculosis commission, went to the Auditor's office and had an interview with him, claiming that the Auditor held that some of the meat taken from the cattle which had been condemned and which had been paid for by the state, had been sold to Swift & Company, knowing that the same was to be put upon the market; but that this had not been done until the meat had been inspected by competent veterinarians and pronounced that it was not so badly diseased but that it could be cooked and eaten with safety. And further, that while the milk from such cattle was unfit for use, their meat might not be so affected by the disease as to be unfit for food. The tacit admission on the part of the Auditor of Vermont that the state through him had sold diseased cattle to Swift & Company, is nothing less than admission of guilt as charged. It is altogether likely that the agents of Swift & Company were fully aware of the condition of the cattle purchased. The whole affair is an illustration of the fact that state officials as well as the packing corporations are willing to endanger the lives of the people. There are others, however, who are responsible for placing diseased cattle on the market. Such cattle are bred and raised by people who are ready and willing to sell to cattle buyers, animals afflicted with various diseases.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

Is Knowledge of No Avail?

"If you people would leave off the Koreshan System and teach Christianity, you would do more good. I would like to say that Jesus Christ preached a perfect ideal, and all one has to do is to live it. As far as astronomy is concerned, it does not amount to much, except for signs and seasons, for which the stars were created, according to the Bible—our only moral and spiritual guide. There is no such thing as immortal manhood, but there is such a thing as being a perfect man and living a perfect life."

We are advised to teach Christianity instead of the Koreshan System. We should like to ask what Christianity really is. The question has been asked for many centuries, and numerous and various are the answers that have been given. Today nobody seems to know definitely what Christianity is; every sect has a different answer, and scarce two members of any one sect will give the same definition. If we should say, "All right, we will teach Christianity—what shall we teach? What brand of modern Christianity shall we adopt? What creed shall we follow?"—who would decide such questions for us?

There is a great deal of difference between what now passes for Christianity, and that system of doctrines and human relations that obtained under the preaching of Jesus and his Apostles. If genuine Christianity is desired, it is that which Koreshanity reveals and practices. Koreshanity is Christianity revived; it is the science of the Christian system. Therefore in promulgating Koreshanity we are bringing to the world anew, the truth taught by Jesus and his Apostles. Koreshanity is the thought and life of the primitive Christian system, with the added nineteen hundred years' experience.

It is true that Jesus the Christ preached a perfect ideal; and that all one has to do is to live it. But how much does that involve? "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" The answer as given by the Christ was, "Keep the commandments." Obey the law. Live the life. Destroy selfishness. Institute communism. Love the neighbor as thyself. Love God with all the heart. These are

just a few items. Do modern Christians do any of these things?

The use of Koreshan Science is to reveal to the world what the law is and how to obey it; it is to show men and women what there is to overcome and how to accomplish it. The Disciples did not overcome death in their day; they could not; they did not know how; they were not prepared for the task. Only Jesus knew that great secret; only he in his day had made the great discovery. The time comes when God's knowledge of the universe is to prevail. Knowledge is *science*. God's knowledge of the cosmos is the *genuine science* of the cosmos. The time comes when the so called knowledge of this world is to be turned backward, not by ignoring scientific subjects altogether, but by the demonstration of the absolute truth along all scientific lines.

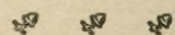
If astronomy does not amount to much, it seems a pity that Moses should begin the Bible with a dissertation on the subject; and if astronomy is of so little consequence, it seems strange that the Bible should mention so frequently the physical and astronomical symbols of corresponding things in the human world. No genuine truth-seeker should say that any knowledge, any truth, is comparatively useless. He should seek to grasp every available principle and appropriate every available truth in every accessible domain of existence. He who seeks to ignore facts because they so obviously overthrow preconceived opinions, and shuts himself up in some hard-shelled creed, is not progressive.

According to the teachings of Jesus and his Apostleship, there is in the economy of the divine government and relations, such a thing as immortal manhood. In the first place, Jesus possessed manhood of a superior order, life in a superior degree. In time, his followers were promised the same kind of life. The time was to come when they should be like him, being fashioned after his glorious body. They were to attain to immortality.

Immortal life is the resurrection life. This old manhood is to be transformed

to the immortal manhood, for this mortal is to put on immortality, not by disembodiment of the spirit, but by transforming the flesh. There is such a thing as salvation of the flesh. The flesh of man is to be saved; the body of man is to be redeemed; the manhood of man is to be made perfect. The man is to become immortal.

There are now no immortal men in the world. Salvation of the body has not yet obtained. Therefore, there is none living the perfect life; there are no perfect men now in the external world. There are no men living the Christ life, for his life was of the arch-natural degree. Jesus was clothed with the garment of the immortal flesh; and when the 144,000 appear they also will be clothed with that same kind of flesh, the flesh of Christ, the garment of the Immortal Manhood.



MODERN SCANDAL SCAVENGERS.

A Timely Arraignment of Newspapers and Courts by an Editor.

The newspaper world is agog over the prospect of the most salacious and disgusting murder trial to which that world has been treated in many a day. Each morning and afternoon many highly "respectable home papers," purveyors of news to our wives and daughters, emphasize the probability that the revelations of the coming trial will be the most shocking and disgusting on record.

They await the opening of the doors of a sovereign court, a court of justice, confident that when those doors are open there will come from them a flood of the offal that the scavengers love, the mouthings of degenerates, vile details of the dirtiest, lowest, most putrid practices known to the race of men and animals. The family newspapers are waiting to lay this stinking mess upon our breakfast tables, to place it in the hands of the wives, sons, and daughters of the men of free America.

They will perform their vile duty well. They have proven their worth as moral scavengers many and many a time. No man need doubt, as he leaves his home each morning during that trial, that the full sense and shame of the details of this story will be laid before the eyes of his wife and daughters before he comes back home in the evening.

If any editor were to send into your home a copy, a single copy, of some depraved French novel, or if he were to place in your daughter's hands the degenerate drivel of a Wilde, you would almost be justified in shooting him on sight. But he may send his reporters to a court of the United States, and he may gather under the broad freedom of this sovereign country all the vice, rottenness, putridity of this fearful story—and he may tell it freely, openly, glorying in the completeness of his tale.

It is a melancholy commentary upon the newspaper ethics of the day to have to admit that "circulation" looms so large in the business horizon of Park Row. Undoubtedly, most of the men who will gather and publish this mass of filth are educated gentlemen, whose instincts turn from such a story, with all its sickening details. They are slaves of the almighty dollar, and success is meas-

ured, here as elsewhere, by "results" in the counting room.

The laws of the United States make it a misdemeanor to bring into this country certain literature. Again, the postal laws make it a crime to send through the mails salacious postal cards, and many other writings which carry with them corruption. Yet these same laws will protect and assist the distribution of these newspapers, worse, a hundred times, than any mere novel, or any mere picture. To thousands of young girls and boys throughout the United States there is coming in the next few months their first glimpse, their first knowledge of the practices and vices that wrecked the Roman Empire.

Two agents will conspire to teach to these young men and women this, their first lesson in vice. The court of the United States is the first. The press of the United States is the second.

Some time there will be a law to touch upon this fearful thing. Some time the boundless freedom of the press will find a limit. There should be a law upon our statute books to close the doors of the courtroom in such a case as this. There should be a law also to close the mouths of these vile scandal scavengers.—*Wall Street Journal*.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE INEVITABLE.

Like a number of great reforms that are slowly but surely coming, the franchise of full citizenship for women is as inevitable as that the bud of today shall be the bloom of tomorrow.

We prate and dilate upon other so called great issues, such as we all believe popular election of U. S. Senators to be, but this truly great and necessary reform is insignificant, infinitesimal in comparison to the one of equal suffrage. The women of Colorado have already given more good things to that state entirely by their votes than all the male senators the people could possibly have found during the time.

But aside from all the rewards there is more to commend equal suffrage to the consistent American from the mere standpoint of the natural moral right of an intelligent woman to vote if she wants to for the laws and the officers who shall govern her, than there is to recommend further adherence to the constitutional rights of the alien slave of the past.

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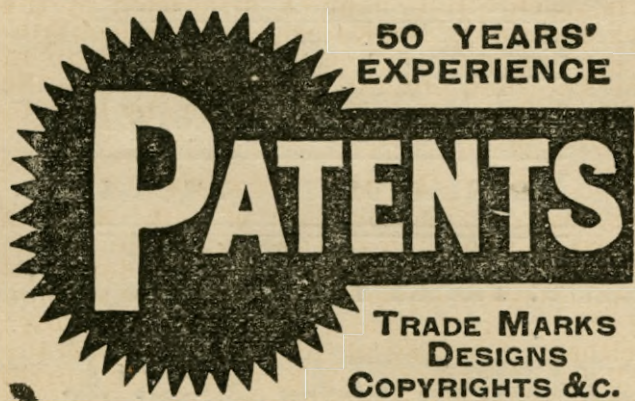
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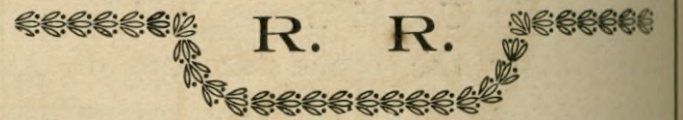
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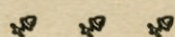
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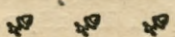


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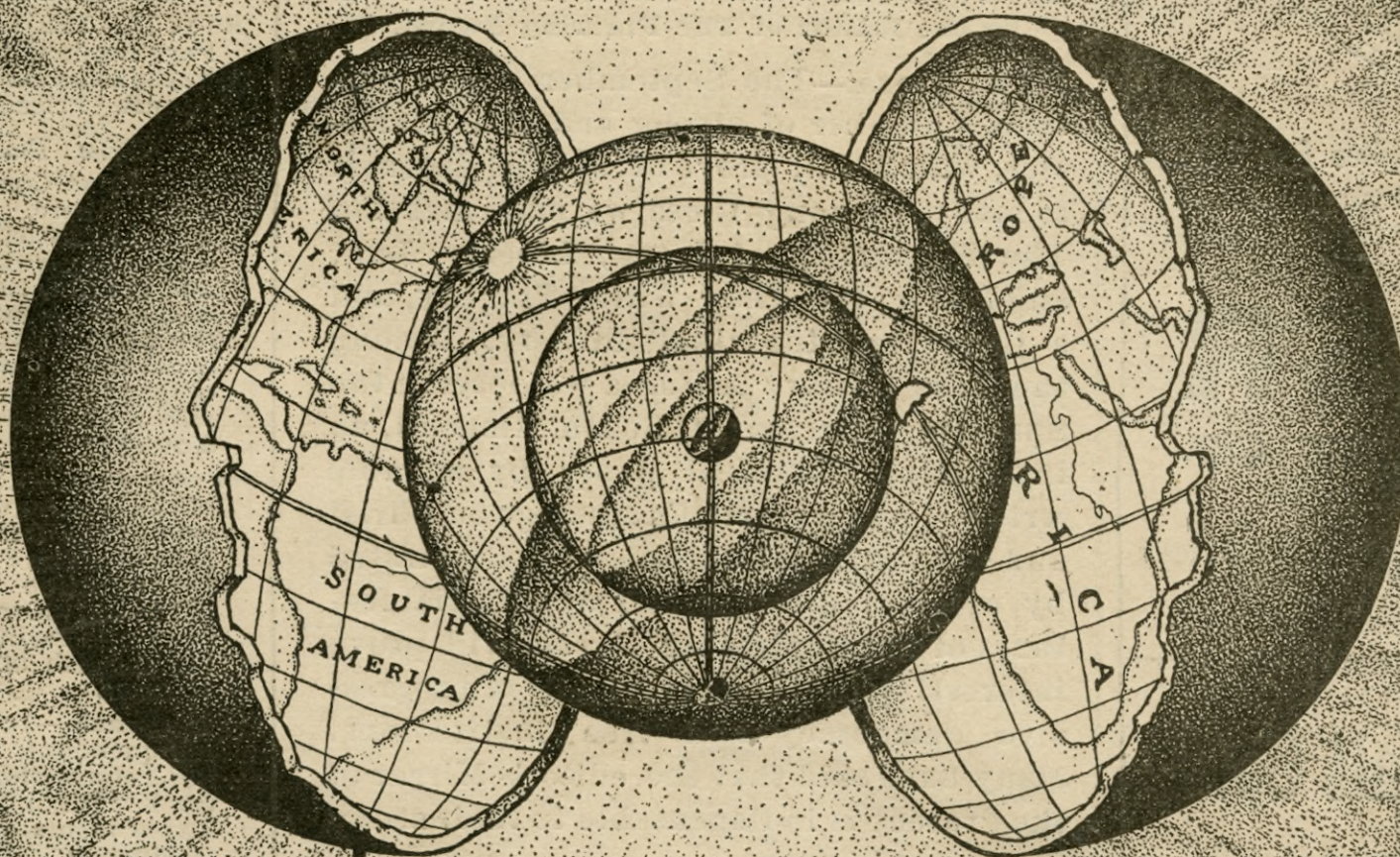
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